Make a Drama Mask

Drama masks, or *prosopon*, were very popular in Greece during the golden age, from 500 – 300 BCE. The masks allowed actors to change quickly between multiple roles in the same play. The masks featured two facial expressions; what we would consider a sad face for tragedy plays and a smiling or laughing face for comedic plays. Create your own drama mask to act out a play of your own at home!

This drama mask features the face of comedy.

While this one features the face of tragedy.

**MATERIALS:**

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<th>Empty Toilet Paper Roll</th>
<th>Construction Paper or Card Stock</th>
<th>Scissors</th>
<th>Writing Utensil</th>
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**CREATE YOUR DRAMA MASK:**

**Step One:** Use your construction paper/card stock and writing utensil to draw the shape of your mask. Next, draw two shapes for the eyes of your mask.

**Step Two:** Carefully cut out your mask and eyes. Save the left-over paper; we'll use that to make our nose!

**Step Three:** Decide on a shape for your nose. Draw that shape on your left-over paper and carefully cut it out. Use a piece of tape to attach it to your mask.

**Step Four:** It's time for our expression! You can make the mask tragic, comedic, or something else. Draw that mouth shape on another piece of paper and carefully cut it out. Fold a piece of tape so that the adhesive is on both sides. Attach the tape to your mouth and place it on your mask. **NOTE:** Don't worry if you can't decide on just one. These are interchangeable!

**Step Five:** Keep decorating your mask to fit your style! Draw designs or add other facial features.

**Step Six:** To add a handle, carefully unroll the toilet paper roll. Twist it tightly to form a long stick. Tape this securely onto the back end of your mask. **NOTE:** You could also use a straw or pencil.

**Step Seven:** Put on a show!

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